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Steve Lucas
Director of Hearings
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Dear Mr. Lucas:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with new rules contained in LSA document 07-542 proposed by the Indiana Natural Resources Commission ("NRC").

The rule change amends 312 IAC 6.5-1-5 under the article assisting in the registration of an off-road vehicle or snowmobile to establish a fee for a duplicate certificate requested under IC 14-16-1-15. Entities potentially affected by the rule include any entity that requests a duplicate registration certificate for off-road vehicles or snowmobiles. It is not currently possible to estimate what percentage of these entities are small businesses. However, based on prior experience the NRC believes there would not be more than twenty such requests in a given year.

This rule codifies the Department of Natural Resources' ("DNR") current practice of assessing a \$15 fee for duplicate registration certificate for off-road vehicles or snowmobiles. Since this fee is already being assessed, the rule does not impose any new economic costs on small businesses. The NRC also states that the rule will not impose any administrative or reporting costs on small businesses.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact associated with the proposed rule. Revenue from this fee is deposited into the off-road vehicle and snowmobile fund established under IC 14-16-1-30. This fund covers enforcement and administration of the program, and construction and maintenance of off-road vehicle and snowmobile trails, which benefits users.

If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Asberry", is written over a horizontal line.

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